(c)ifso, what arc the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) In Andhra Pradesh, 13 dispensaries and one sub-dispensary are functioning under CGHS. Hyderabad.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to bifurcate two heavily loaded dispensaries during the current financial year and result thereof two new dispensaries are likely to be opened.

Encouraging Blood Donation

2993. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to encourage blood donation on large scale and to set-up a National Blood Bank; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) With the objective of promoting voluntary blood donation among masses the Government is providing financial assistance to voluntary orgainsations for purchase of vehicle and publicity material. The Government also propose to introduce schemes to provide financial assistance to Indian Red Cross Society and voluntary organisations for organising camps; and wherever feasible, for operating centralised blood banks.

There is, however, no proposal to set-up a National Blood Bank under the consideration of this Ministry.

Overcharging on Flucort range of formulations

2994. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1319 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Flucort range of formulations are still being sold at overcharged prices despite price reduction;

(b) what are the reasons for the same and by when these medicines would be available to consumer at fair prices;

(c) what penal action has been taken against the company for overcharging;

(d) whether it is a fact that company has refused to furnish details as asked by his Ministry and have gone to Courts; and

(e) if so, what is the present status and what steps have been taken to recover the overcharged amount?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) According to the Company, the prices fixed by the Government in respect of Flucort range of formulations have been brought into effect on all such batches which have been manufactured immediately after the receipt of the price fixation order.

(c) to (e) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member seeks information On overcharging by M/s. Lyka Labs, in respect of Flucort range of formulations under the Drugs (Prices Control), 1949. The requisite information in this regard has already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 880 answered on 13-8-1990.